ORDINANCE NO. <u>2680</u>

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PEDDLER ACTIVITY AS DEFINED IN CITY CODE CHAPTER 62 AND A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE ISSUANCE OF PEDDLER BADGES UNDER CITY CODE CHAPTER 62

- WHEREAS, S.C. Code section 5-7-250(d) authorizes Council to adopt emergency ordinances (with certain limitations not applicable to this Ordinance) for a limited period of up to sixty days; and
- whereas, the current coronavirus pandemic has created an emergency for our City and our Nation such that the Council, in the exercise of its statutory authority, believes it to be in the public interest, and in the interest of the public health and the effective operation of the City government, to provide, for a temporary period, for the suspension of the activity of door-to-door sales and solicitations by peddlers as defined in the Chapter 62 of the City Code and for the suspension of the issuance of peddler badges as provided in Chapter 62 of the City Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

- 1. The activity of unsolicited visits for door-to-door sales and solicitations for goods and services by a peddler (including a business district peddler and a residential area peddler), as defined in City Code Chapter 62, including sections 62-31, 62-34, 62-36 and 62-37, is hereby prohibited and shall be unlawful.
- 2. The issuance by the City government of peddler badges, as defined in City Code section 62-35 and described in Chapter 62 of the City Code, is hereby suspended.

This Ordinance, as an emergency ordinance, shall become effective immediately upon Council approval on one reading, and shall expire automatically after sixty (60) days. This emergency ordinance also is subject to repeal or extension or amendment by further ordinance.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 2^{ND} DAY OF JUNE 2020.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

Date of Reading: June 2, 2020